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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY LOME

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA 1)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CEAO MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT

REF: (A) STATE 231389, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 2220

1. AMBASSADOR MUHAMMED OURC SIDI 'ALI, MAURITANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 28
THAT MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT HAD BEEN EVOLVED BY PARTIES TO COUNTER
EFFORTS, WHATEVER THEIR ORIGIN, AIMED AT DESTABILIZING REGION.
MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) SEES ALGERIA AND LIBYA AS PRINCIPAL
SOURCE OF DIRECT DESTABILIZING ACTION, ALTHOUGH ALGERIA IS
ACTING PRIMARILY THROUGH NAIVE AND UNINFORMED SAHRAWIS RECRUIT-
ED FROM EVERY CORNER OF DESERT AREA. INDIRECT SOURCE OF DE-

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STABILIZING ACTIVITIES, IN EYES OF GIRM, IS CLEARLY SOVIET
UNION WHICH IS ENCOURAGING, GUIDING, AND HELPING ALGERIA STIR
UP TROUBLE IN NORTH WEST AFRICA JUST AS IT IS USING GOVERNMENTS
OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO CREATE TROUBLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT CONCRETE ACTIONS BEING PLANNED
OR UNDERTAKEN BY PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT,

SIDI 'ALI REPORTED THAT PARTIES ARE DISCUSSING COURSES OF ACTION, BUT THAT PROGRAM HAS NOT YET EVOLVED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT GROUP OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS TO STATE WHAT GROUP HAS DECIDED/ AGREED TO DO. RECOGNIZING U.S. INTEREST IN CEAO DEFENSE EFFORTS, POLITICAL DIRECTOR VOLUNTEERED TO BRIEF U.S. AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS PLANS HAD TAKEN SHAPE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT CIVILIAN GIRM OFFICIAL HAS EVER IDENTIFIED LIBYA AS (A) TROUBLE MAKER, AND (B) NATION WHICH GIRM MUST DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST. SIDI 'ALI UNDERSCORED DRAMA OF MOMENT BY DROPPING HIS VOICE TO WHISPER WHEN NAMING LIBYAN ANTAGONIST.

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